19. सड़क सुरक्षा कक्ष द्वारा सभी विभिन्न सड़क प्रयोक्ताओं और बच्चों में सड़क सुरक्षा की भावना पैदा करने के लिए पेंटिंग प्रतियोगिताएं और अन्य सड़क सुरक्षा कार्यकलाप आयोजित किए जा रहे हैं।

Motels and Hotels on National Highways

2222. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a congestion on the National Highway at the way side motels in between Vijayawada and Guntur; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to avoid mushroom growth of such way side hotels/motels.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No motels exist along N.H. 5 from Vijayawada (Km 434.15) upto end of Guntur Bypass (Km 396.80) which runs outside Guntur Town. However, there are a few eating establishments in this section located outside the National Highway right-of-way. No specific instances of congestion on the National Highway have been reported due to these establishments.

(b) Does not arise.

Modernisation of Ports

2223. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry has urged Government to immediately undertake an extensive modernisation programme for development of Ports for creating adequate capacity to cope with the requirements of shippers;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to inadequate modernisation and development of port facilities, the ports have remained ill equipped to serve the needs of shippers and exporters; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to modernise and develop various ports in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE oF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No proposal has been received in this Ministry.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Modernisation is a continuous process.

The capacity of the ports which has 20 Million tonnes in 1951 has increased to 168 million tonnes in 1991-92. The requirements of Indian Shippers and Exporters have not met.

In the 8th Plan, the Government proposes to tether improve the functioning of the Ports by concentrating on:

1. Development of infrastructure in ports in consonance with the overall economic growth;
2. Increasing level of containerisation in the country;
3. Deepening of ports for handling the bigger sized ships in ore handling ports;
4. Mechanisation of loading/unloading facilities; and
5. Improving productivity in labour and equipments.

Calcutta-Madras National Highway Number-5

2224. SHRI JAGADISH JAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total Outlay approved by Government during the Eighth Five Year Plan period for development of four lanes on the Cuttack-Bhubaneshwar sedtion of the Calcutta-Madras National Highway Number-5;

(b) the amount already sacntioned and spent so far on that project; and

(c) by when the work for providing four lanes on that Highway is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Since the VIII